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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wish to express my happiness upon hearing of the Attorney General's decision to end the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. However, I am not happy about the fact that it took the government three years to end its costly, taxpayer-funded lawsuit.

Under the agreement, computer manufacturers were granted new rights to configure systems with access to various Windows features. Microsoft must design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software and to disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows.

The company made many more compromises in this agreement. I don't see a need for any future federal litigation against Microsoft beyond this agreement.

Sincerely,

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